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SUBJECT: PRAVDA EDITORIAL IMPLICITLY GIVES LINE ON WESTERN  
CRITICISM OF ORLOV TRIAL

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1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN TASS COVERAGE OF MAY 20  
PRAVDA EDITORIAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH, WHILE IT DOES  
NOT MENTION THE ORLOV CASE, CLEARLY GIVES THE PARTY LINE  
REGARDING WESTERN CRITICISM OF THE ORLOV TRIAL. THE  
ESSENCE OF THE LINE IS THAT:

-- "IMPERIALIST IDEOLOGUES AND POLITICIANS ARE RAISING  
A PROVOCATIVE HULLABALOO ABOUT SO-CALLED 'VIOLATIONS' OF  
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HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" TO "DETRACE THE  
ATTENTION OF THE POPULAR MASSES" FROM THE DISMAL STATUS  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD:

-- THE UNITED STATES, WHERE "THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF AMERICANS  
ARE BRAZENLY VIOLATED," PROVIDES " A VIVID EXAMPLE  
OF THE DEMAGOGIC CHARACTER OF ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN

POLITICIANS IN THAT COUNTRY TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMPIONS;"

-- IN FACT, THE ATTAINMENTS OF THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS "INSPIRE PEOPLE OF

LABOR IN THE CAPITALIST PART OF THE WORLD."

2. COMMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR SOVIET STATEMENT STEMMING FROM THE ORLOV ISSUE TO BE PRINTED IN PRAVDA, BUT WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE THE LAST. AT THE LEAST, PRAVDA'S SUNDAY "INTERNATIONAL REVIEW" ARTICLE MAY 21 CAN BE EXPECTED TO COMMENT FURTHER ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE A MAJOR UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ON THE ORLOV CASE IN THE INSIDE PAGES OF PRAVDA OR IZVESTIA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AND WE FULLY EXPECT THAT THE ALREADY INTENSIVE SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS "VIOLATIONS" IN THE WEST WILL BE FURTHER BOOSTED. MATLOCK

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